

## CLAIMS

1. A conduit having a substantially semi-circular outer cross-section comprising a base portion and a lid portion, the lid portion being attached to the base portion by a hinge and having a clip on the opposite side, wherein the hinge is located at an angular elevation from the base of between  $10^{\circ}$  and  $35^{\circ}$ , the base portion having a clip socket for retaining the clip, wherein the clip socket comprises an outer wall, which forms part of the semi-circular outer cross-section, and an inner wall, between which is defined a channel for the clip, the height of the inner wall above the bottom of the base portion being substantially the same as the height of the hinge above the bottom of the base portion.

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2. A conduit according to claim 1, wherein on a cross-section of the conduit a line between the hinge and the top of the inner wall is within  $5^{\circ}$  of parallel with the base of the conduit.

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3. A conduit according to either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the hinge is located at an angular elevation from the base of between  $20^{\circ}$  and  $25^{\circ}$ .

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4. A conduit according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the outer wall of the clip socket is shorter than the inner wall.

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5. A conduit according to claim 4, wherein the outer wall has an angular elevation from the base which is at least  $5^{\circ}$  more than that of the inner wall.

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6. A conduit according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the outer wall of the clip socket has a retaining lip thereon, which engages with a corresponding retaining groove in the clip.

7. A conduit according to claim 6, wherein the portion of the clip which extends beyond the retaining groove into the channel between the inner and outer walls of the clip socket extends a short distance beyond the retaining groove.

8. A conduit according to claim 7, wherein the short distance is an angular extension of no more than  $10^\circ$  from the centre of the retaining groove to the end of the clip.

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9. A conduit according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a sealing gasket is provided on the clip or the clip socket.

10. A conduit according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a buffer ledge is provided in the base portion on the bottom wall and on or adjacent the wall to which the hinge is attached.